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CHARLESTON, IL--Affirmative action policy of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities includes "a commitment to providing a quality education for its students and equal opportunity for its faculty and staff," according to Mrs. Wilma Sutton, Board member.

Mrs. Sutton used as her platform a dinner in observation of Affirmative Action Day at Eastern Illinois University, a BOG school. Mrs. Sutton, of the Hyde Park area of Chicago, said "it is my hope that all of us gathered here tonight in celebration of the continuous progress being made here at Eastern, gain a clear understanding of the Board's policies on affirmative action."

The plans, she said, provide the Board with criteria to judge progress in three areas: access, affirmative action and non-discrimination.

She said "I applaud all of you for the significant effort that is being made at Eastern relative to affirmative action."

Mrs. Sutton is Regional Vice President-Community Outreach with Savings of America, Oak Brook, a division of Home Savings of America, F.A.

During the dinner, Eastern's journalism department and the radio and TV center was each awarded a certificate and \$500 for efforts in affirmative action leading to a large number of minority majors in the programs.

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Keynote speaker at the dinner was Dr. Betty Seigel, president of Kennesaw College, Marietta, Ga.

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Note To Editors: Mrs. Sutton is a native of Murphysboro, IL.

CAPTION

Two ladies pleased with each other's company are Dr. Betty Seigel, left, president of Kennesaw College, Marietta, Ga., and Mrs. Wilma Sutton, member of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities.